

2. Chile Considers Cuba a Bilateral Problem for US

The Chilean Government considers Cuba chiefly a "bilateral problem" between Washington and Havana, according to [REDACTED]

Santiago feels the problem should be handled within the framework of the Organization of American States as strictly a US-Cuban concern, although it also believes that pro-Castro sentiment is creating internal problems for many Latin American countries.

Foreign Minister Vergara stated that improved US-Cuban relations would reduce or eliminate the problem, that the US did not consult Latin American nations prior to its diplomatic break with the Castro regime nor its sending of US ships to patrol the Caribbean, and that the San Jose conference--at which Chile showed its support for the inter-American system--confirmed that the problem is principally bilateral, especially since the US agreed beforehand to the creation of the Ad Hoc Committee whose objective is to help set-

tle the controversy between "the countries directly interested."

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It seems unlikely at this time that President Alessandri will alter Chile's Cuban policy

[REDACTED] unless intervention in Chilean affairs by Castro agents is proven or collective action is taken with the support of a majority of Latin American nations, including Brazil or Mexico.

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